

Election Results

Mayor: Lynn Raufaste 231, Jack Jones 181
Council: Chris Bruch 298, Leanne Pfautz 293
(both Council Members ran unopposed)
Liquor referendum: for 285, against 127

Meeting Schedule

Worksession: June 26, 6:30 p.m.

Town Meeting: June 26, 7:30 p.m.
Agenda: proposed landscape improvements
to American Self Storage
Certificates of Appreciation

Organizational Meeting of Mayor & Council
July 3, 7:00 p.m.

Tree Update

Tree planting is postponed until the fall. Please water Town trees in front of your homes or businesses during the summer months when no rain has fallen in several days.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Saturday, June 24, is the next date for collection of hazardous waste at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. The following materials will be accepted between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.: pesticides, oil-based paint, brake fluid, fuels, herbicides, solvents, antifreeze, photographic chemicals, paint thinners, motor oil, and auto and household batteries. For more information, call 240-777-6400.

Keep our Curbs Appealing!

Please do not place trash receptacles and recycling bins curbside until after 4 p.m. on the day before pickup and please remove the emptied containers from the curb as soon as possible.

New Neighbors!!

If you are a new resident of Town please call the Town Office so that we can give you a "New Resident" packet of information. And please get involved in our Town. There are lots of opportunities to volunteer!

Mayor's Report

Howard Avenue Revitalization

The Mayor met with the Celebration Committee twice this month to plan the June 7th unveiling of the Town's gateway signs. She has had meetings with the County project manager to discuss concerns pertaining to the way the trees were planted last fall. The County sent a horticulturist to inspect the trees; he made some improvements to the base of each tree.

Metropolitan Avenue

No update at this time

Meetings and Events Attended by the Mayor

The Mayor attended the wrap up meeting of the Legislative Committee in Annapolis.

The Mayor and Clerk Treasurer McAuley attended the presentation of Maryland's 157, the Incorporated Cities and Towns to the Governor. The book was compiled this past year by Maryland Municipal League. This book has two pages devoted to each municipality in the State. The municipalities sent pictures and text to the League for compilation into this publication. There will be one or two in our Town office for citizens to enjoy. Each school public and private and each library in the State will receive a copy.

The Mayor attended a Preservation Conference in Frederick this month.

She was at the Board of Appeals for one and a half days of hearings on the Rinaldi Funeral Home. The appeal was filed by the Town. The case will be heard again on September 12, 2000. We hope this will be the completion.

The Mayor and Clerk Treasurer attended the monthly Municipal League Chapter Meeting at which they were elected Chapter President and Treasurer. The Mayor will also serve as the Vice Chair of the MML Legislative Committee this coming year. The Clerk Treasurer will be serving on the Election Committee.

The Mayor met with representatives of the Kensington Shopping Center to discuss plans to install trees and green space along their property line on Knowles Avenue.

She had a meeting with State Highway Administration to discuss easement agreements for properties on Metropolitan Avenue.

The Mayor met with a representative of the Order of the Eastern Star. At the Mayor's request they are going to make a Town Flag for us to hang in our Council Room.

Council Member Tucker's Report

Parks & Trees

Mr. Tucker contacted a landscaping contractor to weed, edge and mulch St. Paul Park. The work is completed, new trash cans and grills are on order and will be installed as soon as they arrive.

Council Members Tucker and Bruch removed illegal signage throughout the Town.

Mr. Tucker stopped a contractor from installing signs without County or Town permits at Enterprise Car Rental on Metropolitan Avenue.

Worksession of Mayor & Council

May 1, 2000

Mayor Raufaste, Council Members Bruch, O'Donnell, Pfautz, and Tucker, and Clerk Treasurer McAuley were present and the following issues were addressed:

Kevin Nowak, State Highway Administration, presented the schedule for sidewalk improvements on Connecticut and Knowles Avenues and University Boulevard. Also discussed was the possibility of evening work crews for the Metropolitan Avenue improvements to expedite the project.

Two theater groups expressed interest in using the drill hall for their productions. Their hopes are to bring quality theatrical entertainment to the community at reasonable costs. The proposals will be reviewed.

Council Member O'Donnell moved to extend the Metricom Agreement for one month while a new agreement is re-drafted. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Council Member Bruch moved to install approximately 20 "No Truck" signs as designated on a submitted map. Seconded and passed unanimously.

A Resolution was signed by the Mayor and Council thanking members of the Montgomery County School Board for their support of the boundary corrections enabling all Town children to be in the Walter Johnson Cluster.

Letters of thanks will be sent to the Legislative District 18 Delegation for its support of the Alcohol Legislation.

Council Member O'Donnell moved to adopt, as emergency legislation, the Code Infraction Fine Schedule as presented. Seconded and passed unanimously with the Mayor concurring. As emergency legislation, this goes into effect immediately.

The Council concurred that the Town will participate in the National Flag Day "Pledge of Allegiance" in front of the Armory on June 14th at 7:00 p.m.

The Project list was reviewed and updated.

The minutes were reviewed for corrections and additions.

Correspondence from the month was reviewed.

Town Meeting

May 22, 2000

The Meeting was Called to Order by Mayor Raufaste at 7:45 p.m. with Council Members Bruch, O'Donnell, Tucker, and Pfautz, Clerk Treasurer McAuley and Director of Public Works Joel present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Senator Christopher Van Hollen updated the audience on important legislation passed during the Maryland General Assembly Session 2000, specifically on health and education issues.

The Mayor presented Certificates of Appreciation to Wat Stewart for his series of musical events for the community and to Caitlin Furman for her community service delivering monthly the Journal and other notices to the west side of Town.

Council Member O'Donnell explained the history and geographic designation of the Liquor Referendum that will take place on June 5th. This special license requires 70% food sales.

Mayor, Council, Building Inspector and staff reports were presented.

The Code Enforcement Officer and Public Works crew were directed to remove signs from poles in the rights of way.

Use of "Town resident" stickers on cars as a crime deterrent will be discussed at the next worksession.

The next worksession was scheduled for May 31st at 7:00 p.m.

Council Actions

Council Member Bruch moved to approve the April Minutes as printed. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Council Member Bruch moved to approve the Sign Ordinance as introduced. Seconded and passed unanimously with the Mayor concurring.

Council Member Tucker moved to approve the Snow & Ice Removal from Sidewalks as introduced. Seconded and passed unanimously with the Mayor concurring.

Council Member O'Donnell moved to approve the 2000/2001 Town Budget as introduced. Seconded and passed unanimously with the Mayor concurring.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McAuley, Clerk Treasurer

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